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When Criminal Coping is Likely: An Extension of General Strain Theory

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General strain theory predicts that several factors influence or condition the effect of strains on crime. The research on such conditioning effects, however, has produced mixed results at best. Drawing on the larger stress and coping literature, it is argued that several factors must converge before criminal coping is likely: individuals must a) possess a set of characteristics that together create a strong propensity for criminal coping, b) experience criminogenic strains, which are perceived as unjust and high in magnitude; and c) be in circumstances conducive to criminal coping. Qualitative studies provide support for this argument, and guidelines for quantitative testing are provided.

Due to the great interest in this lecture, we are asking for RSVPs from those planning to attend. This will allow us to manage the seating arrangements for maximum comfort.

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